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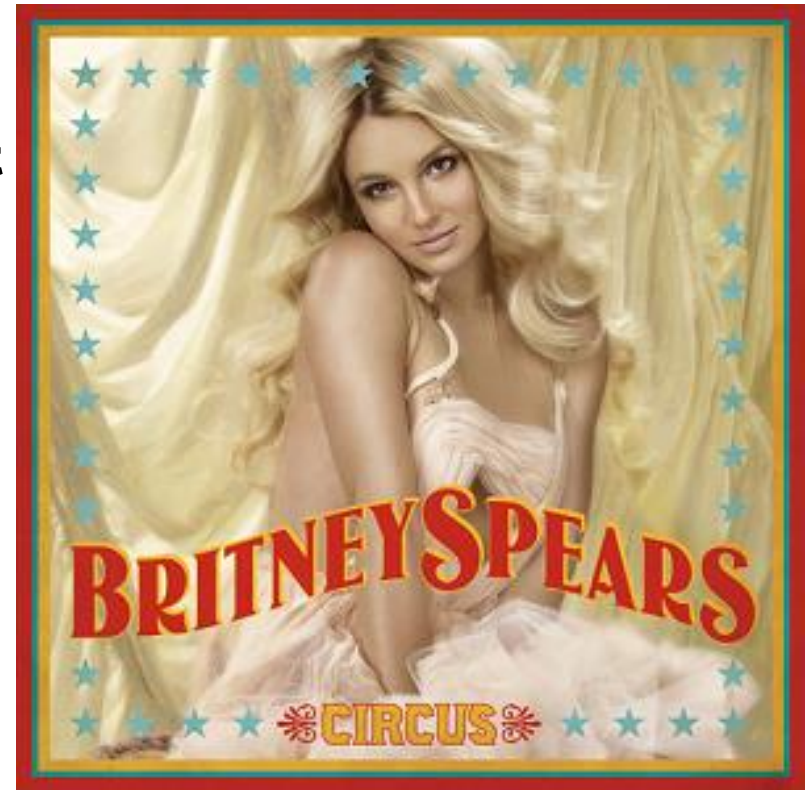
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Britney timeline: 2007/8

- **Mental breakdown resulting in “hold” at psychiatric facility**
- **Jamie Spears petitions LA court for emergency “temporary” conservatorship of the body and finances**
- **Britney deemed incapable of selecting her own lawyer; Samuel Ingham III appointed**
- **Conservatorship later extended indefinitely**
- **Release of Circus**



Britney timeline: 2011

- **Jamie Spears receives a 2.95 percent commission for his work on Britney's Femme Fatale tour**



Britney timeline: 2013

- Still under indefinite conservatorship
- Las Vegas residency



Britney timeline: 2014

- Jamie Spears granted 1.5 percent of gross revenues from performances and merchandising tied to Las Vegas “Piece of Me” residency, which went on to earn a reported \$138million
- In a closed hearing, Samuel Ingham III said Britney wanted to explore removing her father as conservator, citing his drinking, among other objections on a “shopping list” of grievances.
- Mr. Spears's lawyer said he took one random test, but refused to take any more, calling the request inappropriate. **“Absolutely inappropriate,”** the judge replied. **“And who is she to be demanding that of anybody?”** The judge would consider ending the conservatorship if Britney established a healthy relationship with a therapist and returned one year’s worth of clean drug tests.

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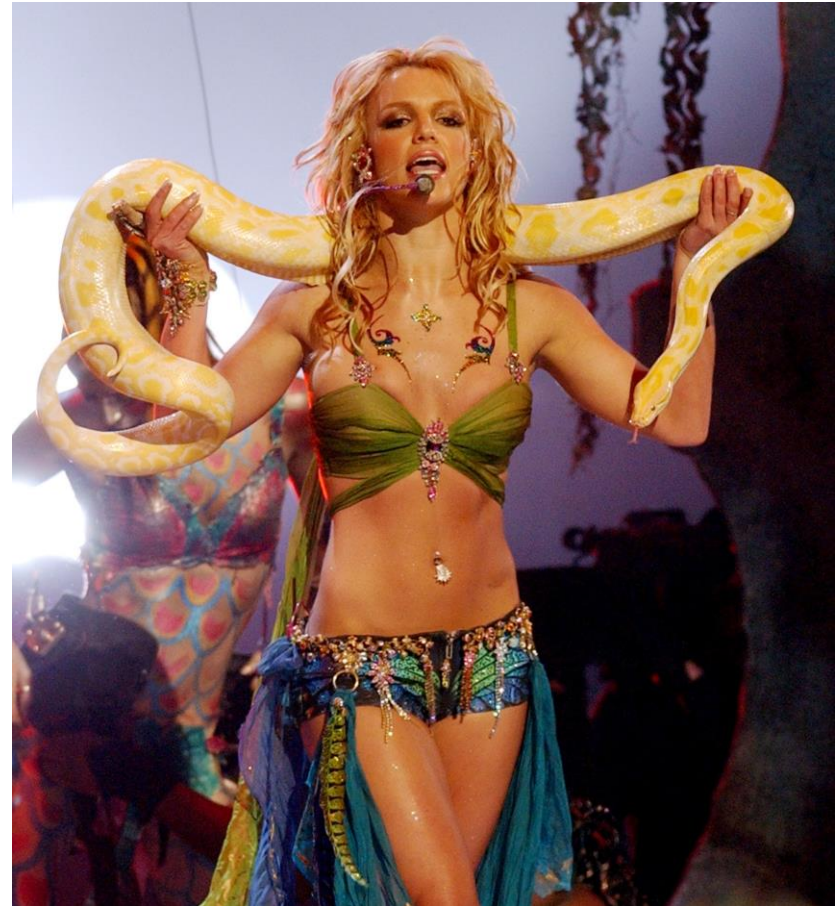
Britney timeline: 2016

- Britney performs more than 50 times in Las Vegas
- *"She feels the conservatorship has become an oppressive and controlling tool against her,"* a court investigator wrote in a 2016 report. The conservatorship had *"too much control"*, the singer said, according to the account of the conversation. *"Too, too much!"*
- After consulting with Ms. Spears, her conservators and her doctors, the probate investigator concluded in 2016 that the conservatorship remained in Ms. Spears's best interests based on her complex finances, susceptibility to undue influence and *"intermittent"* drug issues, though the report called for *"a pathway to independence and the eventual termination of the conservatorship."*

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Britney timeline: 2018

- Britney has a net worth of \$59m according to Business Insider (in same year Britney spent \$1.1m in legal and conservator fees)
- Britney does a tour of North America and Europe with 31 dates grossing \$56million





Britney timeline: 2019

- Jamie Spears stands down as Britney's personal conservator
- Britney indicates through her lawyers that she no longer wants Jamie to be involved in handling her career; lawyer says she is **"scared of her father"** and will not return to the stage so long as he retains control
- Britney tells the court that she had felt forced into a stay at a mental health facility and was made to perform while sick

Britney timeline: 2020

- Nov 2020 judge declines to remove Spears but names Bessemer Trust as co-conservator
- Dec 2020 judge extends Spears' conservatorship until Sept 2021



Britney timeline: June-July 2021

- Britney speaks out in a lengthy statement streamed live
- Samuel D Ingham III resigns and Britney permitted to select own lawyer for first time since 2008
- New lawyer Mathew Rosengart, a former federal prosecutor, officially petitions for Jamie to be replaced as her conservator, referring to it as a **“Kafkaesque nightmare”** and asking for accountant Jason Rubin to be appointed.

Britney timeline: August- September 2021

- August- September: Jamie Spears says he is ready to step down and later asks the court whether the conservatorship itself should continue
- 29 September – hearing scheduled in respect of motion to remove Jamie Spears and replace him with Rubin



12 November 2021: freedom day



“Based upon the information on the public record, and the history of alleged mental health issues, I am shocked that the conservatorship was terminated without a current mental health evaluation,” said Victoria J. Haneman, a trusts and estates law professor at Creighton University. *“I had no doubt that a clear path to termination would be agreed upon, but I did not think in a million years that it would all end today.”*

A comparative perspective: health and welfare

1800.3 (a) If the need therefor is established to the satisfaction of the court and the other requirements of this chapter are satisfied, the court may appoint:

(1) A conservator of the person or estate of an adult, or both.

(2) A conservator of the person of a minor who is married or whose marriage has been dissolved.

(b) No conservatorship of the person or of the estate shall be granted by the court unless the court makes an express finding that the granting of the conservatorship is the least restrictive alternative needed for the protection of the conservatee.

1801 Subject to Section 1800.3:

(a) A conservator of the person may be appointed for a person who is unable to provide properly for his or her personal needs for physical health, food, clothing, or shelter, except as provided for the person as described in subdivision (b) or (c) of Section 1828.5.

- California Probate Code, Division 4 Guardianship, Conservatorship and other Protective Proceedings, Part 3 Conservatorship Chapter 1 Establishment of Conservatorship

“I would like to progressively move forward, and I want to have the real deal. I want to be able to get married and have a baby. I was told right now in the conservatorship, I’m not able to get married or have a baby. I have a ID [IUD] inside of myself right now so I don’t get pregnant. I wanted to take the ID [IUD] out so I could start trying to have another baby. But this so-called team won’t let me go to the doctor to take it out because they don’t want me to have children, any more children. So basically, this conservatorship is doing me way more harm than good.”

- Britney Spears, June 2021

A comparative perspective: property and financial affairs

1801 Subject to Section 1800.3:

(b) A conservator of the estate may be appointed for a person who is substantially unable to manage his or her own financial resources or resist fraud or undue influence, except as provided for that person as described in subdivision (b) or (c) of Section 1828.5. Substantial inability may not be proved solely by isolated incidents of negligence or improvidence.

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